

Monday, December 9, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Messrs. Crawford of Jasper, Batte, Boyd, Moore, Darden, and Crawford of Fannin were announced by the President as Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill to establish a more perfect system of patrol. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Casey introduced a bill to amend Article 16, Oldham & White's Digest. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Education.

Mr. Finlay introduced a bill to suspend the Statute of Limitations until six months after the close of the present war in certain cases. Read 1st and 2nd time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Shelley introduced a bill to establish the line between the Counties of Hays and Comal. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on County Boundaries.

The special order, a bill for the protection of the frontier, was on motion of Mr. Erath postponed until tomorrow, 12 o'clock M.

A bill for the relief of Sanford Holman. Read 2nd time. Substitute recommended by Committee, adopted, and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to authorize C. C. DeWitt to build a bridge across the Guadalupe River. Read 2nd time, amendments of committee adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed by a constitutional vote. Mr. Boyd alone voting "nay."

Mr. Finlay by leave introduced a bill to fix the liability of makers and endorsers of promissory notes and bills of exchange until six months after the close of the present war. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hartley by leave introduced a bill to legalize Land Certificate No. 142, 3rd class, issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Liberty County to Theophilus Wells. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Court of Claims.

Mr. Hartley presented petition of, accompanied by bill for relief of the heirs of William McManus, deceased. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Shelley by leave introduced a bill and petition for relief of heirs of James H. Denson. Bill read 1st and 2nd

times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to amend an Act for the relief of master builders and mechanics, approved 22nd January, 1839, being special order was read 2nd time. The report of the majority of the Judiciary Committee recommending its rejection was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Cook, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Dickson, Durant, Finlay, Graham, Guinn, Hartley, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Reed, Shepard, and Wheeler—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Erath, Harcourt, Houston, Obenchain, Scarborough, Shelley, and Weatherford—8.

A bill reestablishing the boundaries of Texas being a special order, on motion of Mr. Shelley, was postponed until 7 o'clock P. M. tomorrow.

Mr. Shelley by leave introduced a bill prohibiting owners or employers of slaves from placing them in charge of farms or stock ranches detached or removed from the home or residence of the owner or employer. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for relief of Philip C. Paul and recommended its passage.

Mr. Scarborough presented the petition of Mrs. Martha Brenan. Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Tuesday, December 10, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bills:

Senate's bill to amend the 14th section of an Act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity, and Tyler Railroad Company. And the following House bills:

A bill for relief of Nelson Tarver.

A bill authorizing the county courts of the several counties in this State to levy and collect a special tax for war purposes.

A bill providing for the sale of the United States five per cent bonds, coupons, &c.

A bill allowing J. P. and F. W. Dent to adopt a female child.

A bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas.